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SUBJECT: QUICK EVALUATION OF AMSPEC BARBARA WATSON

1. WATSON SPOKE OFF THE CUFF INFORMALLY TO PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS WOMEN'S GROUP ON STATUS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN U.S. WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FOLLOWED NEXT MORNING BY MAJOR PRESENTATION TO OUR "U.S. AT 200" SYMPOSIUM ON "AMERICAN LIFE AND CULTURE".

2. HER 21-PAGE IN THIS SUBJECT WHICH TAKES HER JUST UNDER ONE HOUR TO READ AND WHICH WAS WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR THIS SYMPOSIUM IS VERY MUCH WORTH LISTENING TO AND WILL MAKE EXCELLENT PROGRAM STARTER IF YOUR OPTIONS ARE STILL OPEN.

3. BOTH ENGAGEMENTS INVOLVED LENGTHY, STIMULATING Q&A. ALTHOUGH STILL FATIGUED FROM CROSS-PACIFIC TRIP, WATSON WAS A STAR. AS A SPEAKER, SHE IS A REAL PRO --FLUENT, GRACEFUL, AND AUTHORITATIVE. SHE HAS DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS AND TAKES BEAUTIFULLY BROAD-GAUGE, HISTORICAL VIEW OF AMERICAN LIFE AND CULTURE WHICH IS MODERATE AND BALANCED. AS A PERSON, WE HAVE FOUND HER WARM, CONGENIAL, AND VERY ALERT. THE REACTION OF SINGAPOREANS TO HER PERSONALITY
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HAS BEEN VERY FAVORABLE.

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